

Frequently Asked Questions

about the Outreach Instructor Program

How do I become an OES/CSTI Haz Mat Certified Instructor?

First take the OES/CSTI course you wish to teach.

*Enroll in Haz Mat Instructor Certification (40 hrs) course **or** the CSTI Haz Mat Instructor Certification for Trainers (20 hrs) course.*

Based on teaching experience: eligibility is determined during the application process. You must also attend the CSTI Haz Mat Technician/Specialists Instructor Orientation (8 hrs) if you plan to teach: Technician, Specialists, Technician for Industry, or General Site Worker.

Do the OES/CSTI Haz Mat courses meet State (Title 8 Section 5192) and Federal (29 CFR 1910.120) OSHA requirements?

Yes, all of CSTI courses meet and exceed the OSHA competencies.

Why does OES/CSTI curricula exceed OSHA hours?

OSHA has stated that competencies are more important than meeting the minimum hours. Our hours reflect minimums to meet competencies for an all hazard response.

Does OES/CSTI curriculum meet the NFPA standards?

In most cases, Yes! There are a few standards that must be met through other trainings. We clarify and make suggestions on meeting those specific NFPA standards.

Do I have to certify through OES/CSTI?

No, the OES/CSTI standardized hazardous materials training program is voluntary. It is up to the employer to decide what training program meets legal liability and the OSHA requirements.

What government code defines Hazardous Materials training?

California Govt. Code 8574.19-22

Title 8, Section 5192

Federal OSHA requirements: 29 CFR 1910.120

Does CSTI cross certify other hazardous materials programs?

No, we do not certify other courses. The rationale is based on a single coordinated and standardized program as outlined in CGC 8574.19-22.

Are any OES/CSTI Hazardous Materials courses jointly certified?

Yes, the Technician/Specialist program is jointly certified by the California State Fire Marshals Office.